

From: [Lee, Anita](#)
To: [Adams, Elizabeth](#); [Lakin, Matt](#); [Nazmi, Niloufar](#)
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry: Follow-up on Clean Air Act letter to California
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 3:02:37 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

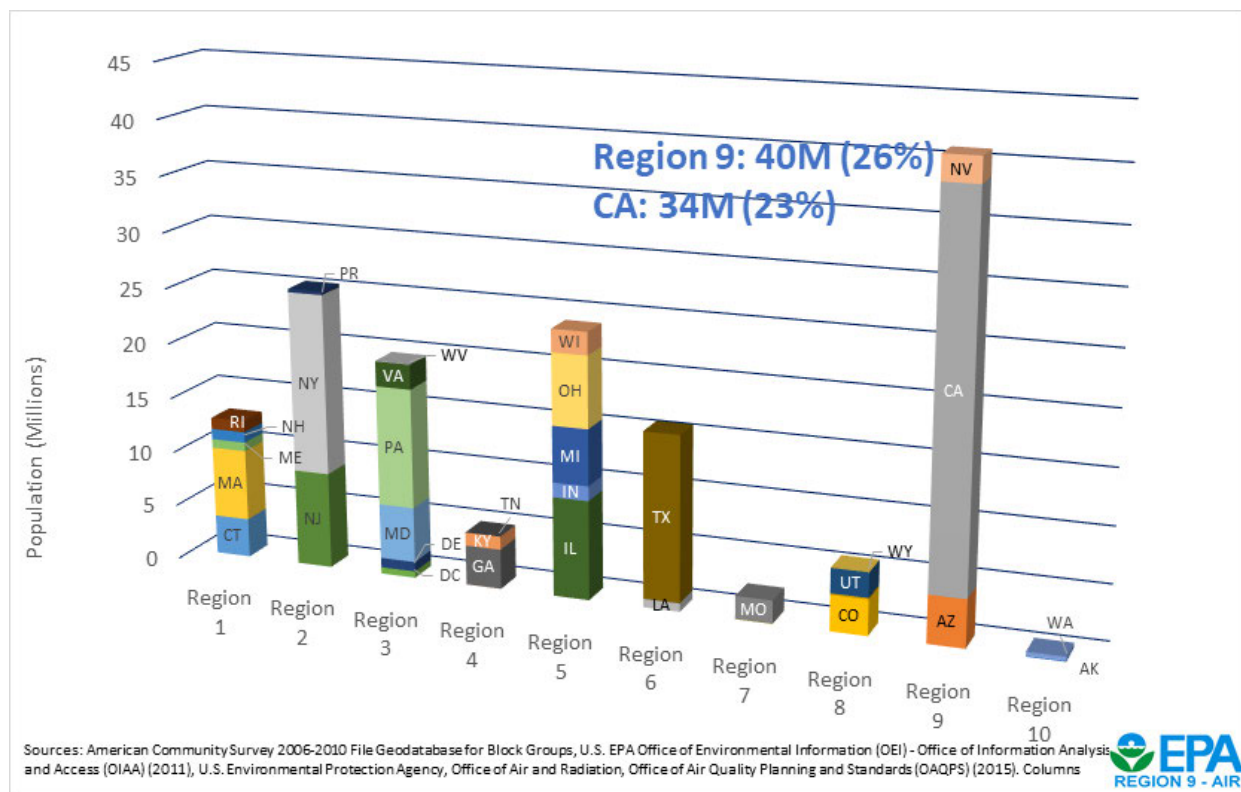
Just an FYI to see the email exchange and what information the OAQPS press office is trying to chase down. I forgot to add a "1" in the table to account for Pb ozone nonattainment areas in CA (but South Coast Pb was included in the table, it just wasn't tabulated. . .) .
Oops. . .

From: Lee, Anita
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Stackhouse, Butch <Stackhouse.Butch@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry: Follow-up on Clean Air Act letter to California

Hi Butch,

Whoops – you're right, I forgot about Pb!

I did not work up the population # or the # of SIPs in the backlog. . .but the 34 million is in a slide that we often use for briefing HQ (population living in NAAs by region) . . .



From: Stackhouse, Butch <Stackhouse.Butch@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 2:36 PM
To: Lee, Anita <Lee.Anita@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry: Follow-up on Clean Air Act letter to California

Hey Anita – Megan thought you may have developed the spreadsheet used for the count of the NAAs. See my file that I think the NA counts left off the 1 area (South Coast 2008 Lead).

Did you also work up the 34 million population number & the 130 SIPs in backlog? If so, can I get your files. THANKS.

From: Stackhouse, Butch

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 3:44 PM

To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; Mocka, Corey <mocka.corey@epa.gov>; Mathias, Scott <Mathias.Scott@epa.gov>; Brachtl, Megan <Brachtl.Megan@epa.gov>

Cc: Noonan, Jenny <Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov>; Johnson, Yvonne W <Johnson.Yvonne@epa.gov>; Long, Pam <Long.Pam@epa.gov>

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Region 9 made a mistake in their summary table & did not count the South Coast 2008 Lead NA area. I have highlighted in yellow the mistake. The number should have been 83. I matched the R9 summary of the other NAAQS besides 2008 Lead.

From: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 1:58 PM

To: Mocka, Corey <mocka.corey@epa.gov>; Stackhouse, Butch <Stackhouse.Butch@epa.gov>; Mathias, Scott <Mathias.Scott@epa.gov>; Brachtl, Megan <Brachtl.Megan@epa.gov>

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Here is the statement from OAR Communications. Clint is reviewing it now, but if you see anything glaringly wrong, let me know. [REDACTED]

Summed across standards, California had -- by EPA's count in early August -- 82 non-attainment areas. This number takes into account that California has multiple areas that are not meeting several standards. For example, some areas are simultaneously not meeting four ozone standards (1979, 1997, 2008, and 2015), while also not meeting four PM2.5 standards (1997 and 2006 24-hour, 1997 and 2012 annual).

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From: Mocka, Corey <mocka.corey@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 1:52 PM

To: Stackhouse, Butch <Stackhouse.Butch@epa.gov>; Mathias, Scott <Mathias.Scott@epa.gov>; Brachtl, Megan <Brachtl.Megan@epa.gov>

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John Millett wrote a short statement for the 5 pm press deadline, but OAQPS still needs to compare Clint's spreadsheets and develop a response to the 82 areas question. It keeps coming up.

From: Mocka, Corey

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Butch et al.-

Looks like Clint used an August 5 email from Matt Lakin to develop his 82 number. Ask for AQPD right now is:

Could OAQPS take a look at that spreadsheet against what's online and confirm that it lines up? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Let me know what you think.

I'm trying to confirm whether the deadline is still today. Will let you know.

From: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 1:23 PM

To: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; Mocka, Corey <mocka.corey@epa.gov>; Noonan, Jenny <Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov>

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Hi all,

The press office wants us to provide a response to the questions of how we got the 82 non-attainment areas. When John checked with Clint he forwarded an excel spreadsheet ("NAAs in CA" -- attached) that shows how they got the number. Could OAQPS take a look at that spreadsheet against what's online and confirm that it lines up? [REDACTED]

Let me know what you think...

Thanks,
Isabel

From: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 12:35 PM

To: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>

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Just spoke to Molly. She would like a response as we are getting more inquiries...

Hi All, still defer to the 3F on the 82 number?

From: "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>

Date: September 26, 2019 at 12:25:22 PM EDT

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Follow-up on Clean Air Act letter to California

Can you guys help with OAR?

From: Dooley, Emily <edooley@bloombergenvironment.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 12:24 PM

To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>

Cc: Press Office (GovPressOffice@GOV.CA.GOV) <GovPressOffice@gov.ca.gov>

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Circling back on this.

Deadline is 5 pm EST

Thanks, Emily

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On Sep 25, 2019, at 12:02 PM, Dooley, Emily <edooley@bloombergenvironment.com> wrote:

Hi Molly,

I am a colleague of Amena Saiyid at Bloomberg Environment and I had a question regarding the EPA letter to California about SIPs.

https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/urbanair/sipstatus/reports/ca_areabypoll.html

Thanks, Emily

Twitter: eDooleyNoted